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BOTSWANA BEEF

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 14550 (NOTAL), (B) BRUSSELS 13149

1. AS REPORTED REF (A), EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS DECIDED JULY 25 TO AUTHORIZE RESUMPTION OF EC IMPORTS OF BEEF ORIGINATING FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION OF BOTSWANA (I.E., KWENENG, KGATLEND, SOUTH-EAST, SOUTHERN AND KGALAGADI DISTRICTS). WHILE THE DECISION PERMITS ANY MEMBER STATE TO IMPORT BEEF FROM THE SPECIFIED REGION OF BOTSWANA, THE MINISTERS AGREED INFORMALLY THAT SUCH IMPORTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE UK AND FRANCE, THE TRADITIONAL BUYERS OF BOTSWANA BEEF.

2. THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED THE EC COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS EXAMINATION OF THE HEALTH SITUATION OF CATTLE HERDS IN BOTSWANA IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE ABOVE DECISION "IF THE SITUATION SO JUSTIFIES." A REVIEW OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE SITUATION IN THE
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